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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants response to the outstanding rejection of October 8, 2002. #6

**REMARKS**

Claims 17-19 are pending.

The rejection:

Claims <sup>17-19</sup>1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 10-119,425 (JP '425) in view of U.S. Patent 6,171,381 Yoshimura et al (Yoshimura).

The rejection of these claims is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner's position on JP '425 is set forth in the Action of April 18, 2002 and the Examiner's position on Yoshimura is set forth in the present Action. The Examiner's remarks will not be repeated here except as necessary to an understanding of Applicants' traversal which is now presented.